

SAFETY TIPS



- Install anti-scald shut off devices on your faucets and reset your water heater to 49°C (120°F).
- Keep cords out of reach and cover all electrical outlets when not in use.
- Keep your child safely out of the way when you are cooking.
- Position hot pots, pans and liquids out of reach.
- Lock all medications, cleaning products and other toxic substances in a cupboard.
- Keep blind cords out of reach.
- Keep your child away from open windows and balconies.
- Lock all doors to balconies and never leave your child alone on a balcony.
- Use window guards and window stops on all windows.
- Bolt safety gates to the wall at the top and bottom of stairs.
- For information on the safety devices your landlord is responsible for contact: The Landlord and Tenant Board: 1-888-332-3234/416-645-8080.

In case of emergency call 911 immediately.

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As a parent who is new to the country, you may be living in a home that is different from the one you are used to. All parents want to protect their children. This home safety brochure can help you to keep your child safe.



What causes injuries?



Young children are curious, energetic and active. They don't always understand what they do could be dangerous. They may climb on furniture or other items to reach something. The occasional scrape or bruise is a normal part of childhood. But serious injuries are not. Injury is the leading cause of death for children and youth in Canada. Many of these injuries happen at home.



Most injuries are considered accidents, but there are no "accidents" and these injuries can be prevented. There are simple steps you can take to protect your child at home.



Plan ahead

View your home from your child's perspective. Get down on the floor to look for potential hazards.

Make sure that your child cannot open drawers or cupboards. Check that there are no cords that your child can pull.

Take care that furniture cannot easily be pushed over. Cover all electrical outlets when not in use.

Your child's skin burns very easily. It is thinner and more sensitive than yours. Install anti-scald or shutoff devices on your faucets and reset your water heater to 49°C (120°F).

Make sure hot liquids are safely out of reach. Set hot drinks down before you pick up your child. Keep your child safely out of the way when you are cooking. Position pots and pans on the back burners of the stove and turn handles so they cannot be reached.

Lock all medication (pills, cough syrup, liquids), cleaning products and other toxic substances in a cabinet.

Keep cribs and beds away from windows. Cut, tie up or use a loop fastener to ensure blind cords are out of reach.



Safety measures

Keep your child away from open windows and balconies. Lock all doors to balconies and never leave your child alone on a balcony.

Use window guards and window stops on all windows. These can be purchased at your local hardware store. If you live in an apartment, ask your landlord to provide them.

If your home has a staircase, only use safety gates that come with screws and bolts. Bolt them to the wall at the top and bottom of the stairs.

